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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

Yemen

Other matters

3 p.m. . . . . 6731st meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Libya

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (S/2012/129)

Afternoon[1] . . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

UNSMIL (S/2012/129)

Other matters

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6731st meeting.

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United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

Delegations are reminded that *Friday, 9 March 2012* is the deadline to inform the Secretariat of their participation at the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be communicated, *in writing*, and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A).

The initial list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the High-level Plenary Meeting will be established by a drawing of lots. A special meeting for this purpose will be held toward the end of March 2012, at a time and venue to be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations*.

A detailed note, dated 31 January 2012, concerning the procedures to be followed for establishing the list of speakers for the plenary meetings was sent to the e-mail addresses of all permanent missions and delegations. For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September.

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/67/50.

A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 140 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/66/34 and A/66/684))

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 138 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/66/11 and A/66/69))

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

2012 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Rooms 1 and E (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Rooms 1 and E (NLB)

Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole (A/66/591, A/66/598, A/66/15, A/66/619 and A/66/619/Add.1) . . . . . [6]

[Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee Members and observers on the Web site of the Committee <https://www.c34.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).]

[Members and observers of the Special Committee who will attend the session and wish to be included on the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C, fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

Executive meeting

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee

Pre-sessional Working Group on Communications

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Economic and Social Council

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Panel discussion on global governance

Chaired by:
H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), President of the Council

Moderator:
H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal, Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations

Panellists:
H.E. Mr. Albert Chua, Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations

Mr. Roberto Marino, Special Representative for Mexico's G-20 Presidency

Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Professor of Professional Practice in International and Public Affairs, Columbia University

Followed by an interactive dialogue

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Briefing on the mandates, functions and activities of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)

Chaired by:
H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), President of the Council

Speaker:
Professor Hamid Ghodse, President of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)

Followed by an interactive dialogue

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

12 noon–2 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Informal consultations convened by the Vice-Chair, H.E. Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), on agreed conclusions under agenda item 3 (a) (i) (Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: priority theme: the empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . 15th meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Communications concerning the status of women (E/CN.6/2012/SW/COMM.LIST/46/R and Add.1) . . . . . [4]

Consideration of the report of the Working Group on Communications

[Please *click here* for the draft list of participants of the fifty-sixth session of the Commission. Delegations are kindly requested to review the list and send any corrections to Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org).]

[Additional information on the work of the Commission, including on the participation of non-governmental organizations and the list of parallel events, can be found on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm>.]

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Sixth session

Liberia configuration

An informal meeting of the Liberia configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held *today*, 7 March 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS", convened by the delegation of Angola (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), will be held *today*, 7 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB), and from 3 to 4.15 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Gender equality and empowerment of women in natural disaster", convened by the delegation of Japan, will be held *today*, 7 March 2012, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Permanent Mission of Japan (866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 230).

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 7 March 2012

African Group (Third Committee experts)

9 a.m.–12 noon . . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E (NLB)

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

4–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Other activities

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Wednesday, 7 March 2012

Informal briefings by the Director of Rule of Law Unit (in preparation for the High-level Meeting on Rule of Law and on the contents of the draft report of the Secretary-General on the possible outcomes of the High-level Meeting) (organized by the Rule of Law Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

To the Asia-Pacific Group and the Eastern European Group

From 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

To the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[The briefings are open to legal advisers and Second, Third and Sixth Committees' experts. For further information, please contact Ms. Lilibeth Benitez, Rule of Law Unit (e-mail benitez@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2935).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Women's Day

Commemorative meeting on the theme "Empower rural women — End hunger and poverty" (followed by a panel discussion) (organized by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women))

From 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[Opening remarks will be made by the Secretary-General. All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Patricia Cortés, UN-Women (e-mail patricia.cortes@unwomen.org; tel. 1 (646) 781-4532); or visit the following Web site: <www.unwomen.org/how-we-work/csw/csw-56/iwd/>.]

Panel discussion on "Change makers and peacekeepers — Journey towards equal representation of women" (co-organized by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the United States Mission)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Janaki Murthy, UN-Women (e-mail janaki.murthy@unwomen.org; tel. 1 (646) 781-4537).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>.

Wednesday, 7 March 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Thursday, 8 March 2012, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

Briefings

The secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) will hold briefings on the Conference and its preparatory process. The briefings will be conducted by the Head of the UNCSD Office and Director, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), Mr. Nikhil Seth, as follows: Tuesday, 13 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB) (on the way forward to the Conference and the Conference itself); Wednesday, 14 March, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB) (on the institutional framework for sustainable development (IFSD)); and Thursday, 15 March, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB) (on sustainable development goals (SDGs)). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Irena Zubcevic, Division for Sustainable Development (e-mail zubcevic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963 4528).

Informal informal negotiations

The Preparatory Committee will hold its first round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document from Monday, 19 March, to Friday, 23 March 2012, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The zero draft of the outcome document is available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Delegations are also advised that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

Committee on Contributions

Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly

resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
One hundred and fourth session

The Human Rights Committee will hold its one hundred and fourth session from Monday, 12, to Friday, 30 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will take place on Monday, 12, and Tuesday, 13 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), under the chairmanship of the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). The overall theme of the meeting will be "Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of financing for development".

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. *sharp*, on Monday, 12 March 2012. The Secretary-General of the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, and the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, will deliver opening addresses, which will be followed by the statements by the heads of relevant intergovernmental bodies of the major institutional stakeholders.

There will be four consecutive informal thematic debates of the whole, as follows:

Thematic debate 1: Financing of sustainable development (Monday, 12 March 2012, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.);

Thematic debate 2: Promoting sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth, job creation, productive investment and trade (Monday, 12 March, from 3 to 6 p.m.);

Thematic debate 3: Promoting sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth, job creation, productive investment and trade (Tuesday, 13 March, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.); and

Thematic debate 4: Financing of sustainable development (Tuesday, 13 March, from 3 to 5.45 p.m.)

Members and observers of the Economic and Social Council and representatives of intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegation, to the Secretary of the Council (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; room IN-622), with a copy to the Financing for Development Office (e-mail ffdoffice@un.org; room DC2-2170).

It is emphasized that the nature of the meeting, including the four thematic debates, will be a free-flowing interactive discussion and would therefore have *no list of speakers in advance*. The time limit per intervention will be *three minutes*, but full texts of statements may be circulated in written form (300 copies will be required).

Additional information on the meeting is available on the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/ffd/ecosoc/springmeetings/2012/>.

Plenary meetings

Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2011/23 and decision 2012/2, the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), will convene a one-day meeting of the Council on Thursday, 15 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), to consider the question of international cooperation in tax matters, including institutional arrangements to promote such cooperation.

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its seventh session (E/2011/45–E/C.18/2011/6)[1] and the report of the Secretary-General on the role and work of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (E/2012/8)[1].

During the morning meeting, a panel discussion on the theme "The role of multilateral bodies in strengthening international cooperation in tax matters" will be held, followed by a general discussion. During the afternoon meeting, the President of the Council will chair the launch of the United Nations Model Double Taxation Convention between Developed and Developing Countries (2011 update), after which the general discussion will continue.

Members and observers of the Economic and Social Council and representatives of intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegation to the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; room IN-603A; fax 1 (212) 963-5935), with a copy to the Financing for Development Office (e-mail taxffdoffice@un.org; room DC2-2148; fax 1 (917) 367-5869).

For more information please, contact Ms. Dominika Halka (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653) or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/tax/2012ICTM/index.htm>.

Resumed organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies on Thursday, 26, and Friday, 27 April 2012. The agenda for the session is contained in document E/2012/2/Add.1*.

[1] To be issued.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 6 April 2012*. Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma and Ms. Celia Syyap (e-mails sharma7@un.org and syyap@un.org).

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups.

A list of candidates for these elections, as well as supporting documentation, is available on Candiweb. The supporting documentation is also available at the following address: <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/docs/insessiondocs.asp>.

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Eliminating maternal mortality and morbidity through the empowerment of women", convened by the delegation of the United States, will be held, on Thursday, 8 March 2012, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Gender equality and empowerment of women in natural disaster", convened by the delegation of Japan, will be held on Thursday, 8 March 2012, from 3 to 4.15 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Commission on Population and Development

Briefing

The Vice-Chair-designate of the Commission on Population and Development, Mr. William A. Awinador-Kanyirige (Ghana), on behalf of the Chair, will hold an informal briefing on the programme of work of the forty-fifth session of the Commission, on Wednesday, 21 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB). All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Forty-fifth session

The forty-fifth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 23, to Friday, 27 April 2012. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 23 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/CN.9/2012/2 and the proposed organization of work, in document E/CN.9/2012/L.1. Background information and official documents for the session may be found at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/population/cpd/cpd2012/cpd45.htm>.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (informal meeting) (First Committee experts)

Thursday, 8 March 2012, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

African Group (Third Committee experts)

Thursday, 8 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB); and

Friday, 9 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Group of Friends of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (at the permanent representative level)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Special event on the occasion of the International Women's Day (8 March)

2012 Forum on "The role of business in empowering women" (organized by the Business Civic Leadership Center, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP))

Thursday, 8 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. To register and for further information, please contact Ms. Lucie Brigham, UNOP (e-mail brigham@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3441).]

UNITAR workshop on "Elections to United Nations organs"

Thursday, 8 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 2 to 5.15 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[The workshop is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org/event>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Arria Formula meeting between the members of the Security Council and civil society on "Women's role in conflict mediation and resolution" (co-hosted by the Permanent Missions of Portugal and the United Kingdom)

Thursday, 8 March 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanne Stevens, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom (e-mail hanne.stevens@fco.gov.uk; tel. 1 (212) 745-9240).]

Working session on "Identification of sustainable urbanization options for cities based on the case study of the Municipality of Konya, Turkey" (organized by the Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization, in cooperation with the International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC), and sponsored by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))

Friday, 9 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UN-Habitat New York Office (e-mail HabitatNY@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4200).]

Informal briefing on "The G-20 Mexican presidency" (by high-level representatives of Mexico) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

Friday, 9 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Sara Luna, Permanent Mission of Mexico (e-mail sluna@sre.gob.mx; tel. 1 (212) 752 0220).]

Panel discussion on "Human trafficking" (Ashley Judd in conversation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime) (organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

Wednesday, 14 March 2012, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Susana Castillo, UNODC (e-mail castillos@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5631).]

Workshop on "The trade dimension of Rio+20: Key issues for the outcome document" (co-organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC))

Friday, 16 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[The workshop is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For registration and further information, please visit <www.unctad.org/greeneconomy/NYworkshop>; or contact Ms. Ena Sawh, New York Office of UNCTAD (e-mail trade.environment@unctad.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6893).]

High-level briefing on "Broadening the concept of peacekeeping: The contribution of civil society to unarmed protection of civilians" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Belgium, Benin, Costa Rica and the Philippines)

Friday, 23 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanna Choa-Yu, Permanent Mission of the Philippines (e-mail hannachoayu@hotmail.com).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 8 March 2012; and

Tuesday, 27 March 2012.

Searching UNBISnet (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 13 March 2012.

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 22 March 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012; and

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of

the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered.

The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections31st.htm>;

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Kindly take note that all elections for the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, including those scheduled to take place in April 2012, are organized by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, not by OHCHR. All queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Celia Syyap, Economic and Social Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) (e-mail syyap@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0906).

Please note also that OHCHR is not responsible for the Human Rights Council elections. Queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Mary Muturi, General Assembly Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 6 March 2012

Security Council

6730th meeting — *Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of South Sudan and the Sudan, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council adopted a statement by the President on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2012/5).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of the Sudan and the South Sudan.

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

27th meeting — *Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013* . . . . . [134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Conditions of service: Judges

The Director of the Strategic Planning and Staffing Division of the Office of Human Resources Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive review of the pension schemes for the members of the International Court of Justice and judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (A/66/617).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/66/709).

A statement was made by the representative of Algeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be coordinated by Ms. Anna Reich (Hungary).

Safety and security: Programme criticality

The Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security introduced the report of the Secretary-General on conclusions of the High-level Working Group on Programme Criticality (A/66/680).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/66/720).

A statement was made by the representative of Algeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be coordinated by Mr. Tesfa Alem Seyoum (Eritrea).

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

14th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" . . . . . [3]

(b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men: engaging young women and men, and girls and boys, to advance gender equality

Expert panel discussion

The Commission held an expert panel discussion on "Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men: engaging young women and men, and girls and boys, to advance gender equality", moderated by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Filippo Cinti (Italy).

Presentations were made by Ms. Edna Akullq, Founder, Self Help Foundation Uganda; Mr. Roberto Cárcamo Tapia, Member, Colectivo de Jóvenes por la Igualdad de Género (Collective of Youth for Gender Equality); Mr. Shishir Chandra, Member, Men's Action for Stopping Violence Against Women in India; and Ms. Rozaina Adam, Member of Parliament, Maldives.

The Commission then held an interactive dialogue with the panellists, in which the delegations of the following countries participated: South Africa, Italy, Pakistan, Cameroon, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Israel, Switzerland, Paraguay, Germany, Malaysia, Cuba, Gambia, Finland, Denmark, Canada, the United States, El Salvador, New Zealand, Japan, the Sudan, the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Thailand, Jordan and Turkey.

The observers for the European Union, the League of Arab States and the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (AICESIS) also participated.

The representatives of the following non-governmental organizations also participated: World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts; Girl Scouts of the United States of the America (also on behalf of the American Association of University of Women, Girls Learn International, The Grail, the Loretto Community and Passionists International (Working Groups on Girls)); Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund Inc.; IFENDU for Women's Development; World Youth Alliance; Japan Federation of Bar Associations; and International Psychoanalytical Association.

Organization of work

The Secretary made a statement.

The Chair made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Nagoya, 15 October 2010

Signature: Brazil (6 March 2012)

Signature: Central African Republic (6 March 2012)

Signature: Thailand (6 March 2012)

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network. Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Ratification: Nepal (6 March 2012)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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Chairs of the regional groups

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African States:
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H.E. Mr. Chitsaka Chipaziwa

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H.E. Mrs. Jane Chigiyal

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H.E. Mr. Ferit Hoxha

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Grenada
H.E. Ms. Dessima Williams

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Security Council

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